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SELDOVIA, ALASKA

Seward Daily Gateway, April 7, 1923.

PEOPLE OF SELDOVIA ARE A CONTENTED LOT

*Located a hundred and forty miles from the nearest business center and receiving infrequent visits from steam ships, the town of Seldovia is a prosperous community in spite of the apparent handicap, according to **Anton Johansen**, who is a recent visitor in Seward and who will return to the Kachemak Bay town on the Admiral Evans. In speaking of his home town, Mr. Johansen is high optimistic and sees a bright future.*

At the present time Seldovia consists of about seventy-five business houses and residences, peopled by about two hundred people, white and native. Included in the buildings are two general stores, two hotels with restaurant connections; two other eating places; a machine shop where all classes of marine repair work can be done; a picture show; bath house, a wireless station and other functioning enterprises which go to make a village. Mr. Johansen will return home, commence work of erecting a building to be used as a combined pool hall and cigar store. In addition to the business houses the town also boasts a large social hall in which functions are held with regularity. Sidewalks, even though not so wide as those in Seward are built of boards, are one of the town's boasts.

The industrial activities of Seldovia and vicinity are confined to canning principally, although two saw mills are in operation. In the cannery line that conducted by H.H. Malcolm will devote itself to putting up clams, crabs and salmon. The others will confine themselves to salmon alone.

Agriculture, too, forms part of the industrial life of Seldovia, at least 15 persons being engaged in raising produce. Many of the farmers own cows and the supply the milk for the town is furnished from this source. In addition to raising vegetables, stock farming to a minor degree is engaged in, sheep, hogs, goats and cattle dotting the many homesteads which are used for grazing.

The agricultural products raised consist of nearly every known vegetable in addition to oats and barley which is said to grow to a good height and to attain maturity. The principal feed grasses to be raised are red top and timothy; enough of which is raised to winter all stock.

Seldovians have little to worry them - an abundance of fish, plenty of vegetables from their own farms and the fuel question answered by the simple effort of taking coal from the many veins which traverse the beach near the town.

Mr. Johansen, as soon as conditions permit, will keep himself and his friends in close touch with the outside world, by installing a radiophone, arrangements having been made while here to secure the service from the Seward broadcasting station.

The Anderson Mercantile Company which recently acquired Mr. Johansen's store are actively engaged in enlarging the premises of the store and making improvements to docking facilities, a large shipment of merchandise being on its way from Seattle.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

It is getting harder and harder to find new information on the LoC. It is there, but I have to dig a little deeper.

And here I am whining when this is nothing compared to what Ron Benice had to go through to dig up information on Alaska tokens for his book. Think microfilm and microfiche. Been there, done that years ago researching Yukon tokens.

This issue is quite diverse. There is a lot on Seldovia and a little on Cordova, Homer, Hoonah, Nome, Wrangell and salmon packers. Some of the short pieces in this issue do not have a token illustration to go with them.

eBay was quiet this month. Nothing exciting, although I think the Dawson Monte Carlo was a good buy.

There are no items offered for sale in this issue. We have just been swamped in the store with gold and silver reaching new highs, and then dropping significantly. One day we were buy, buy, buy (with silver over \$100), the next we were sell, sell, sell (with silver in the \$70s - a \$30 loss overnight). Things have quieted down, but I don't have time to put a list together.



Wrangell Sentinel, June 30, 1933

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Anchorage , Chechako Tav., 12½¢, B-11bI	31.99
Anchorage , Chechako Tav., 12½¢, B-11bVI	26.00
Chatanika , Bingle Fritz, \$1, B-1c	177.50
Craig , Lib's & Jessie's, 10¢, B-3a	10.49
Fairbanks , Pioneer Hotel, 10¢, B-45b	37.99
Gakona Station , Valdez Trans. Co., 50¢ unl	41.00
McCarthy , Golden Hotel, 12½¢, B-2a	11.00OB
McCarthy , Golden Hotel, 25¢, B-2b	9.95OB
Talkeetna , Fairview Inn, 12½¢, B-2a	45.88
Talkeetna , HWN, 50¢, B-3b	29.88
Dawson, YT , Monte Carlo, 25¢, B-17a	375.00

OB = Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

W. DAHLQUIST

NULATO B-1



Seward Daily Gateway, May 27, 1931.

Word was received in Fairbanks recently of the death at Nulato of Mrs. Lucy Dahlquist, wife of William Dahlquist says the Fairbanks News-Miner.

RED SALMON CANNERY

BRISTOL BAY B-3



Daily Alaska Empire, June 9, 1943.

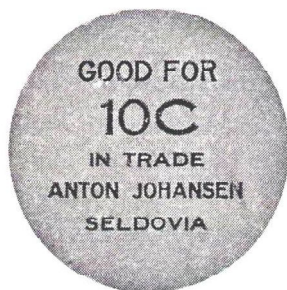
Lester L. Wingard, principal and coach for the Petersburg High School, is in Juneau with Mrs. Wingard, enroute to the Westward for the summer.

They will join Mr Wingard's brother, L.G. Wingard, now operating a cannery in the Bristol Bay district. The Wingards recently purchased the Red Salmon cannery in that part of the country.

ANTON JOHANSEN



Seward Gateway & Evening Post, Feb. 1, 1917.



Anchorage Weekly Times and Alaska Labor News, July 18, 1918.

Anton Johansen, the Seldovia merchant arrived in town last night on the launch Sea Lion and will be here until tomorrow on business principally connected with the Bank of Anchorage. Mr. Johansen confirms the sale of his pool hall and says he will devote his time and attention to the store. Seldovia is experiencing a small sized boom on account of the increased activity in the fishing business according to Mr. Johansen who also says the chrome-iron mining industry is rapidly assuming prominence.

Chitina Leader, April 5, 1919.

Anton Johansen left today for California on a six week's vacation, and when he returns he will bring back his son. This is Mr. Johansen's first visit to the States in twenty-three years, when he came to the country in a small sailing boat.

Seward Daily Gateway, April 7, 1923.

Arriving from the westward for the purpose of paying a business visit to Seward was Anton Johansen, well known oldtimer and businessman of Seldovia. Mr.

Johansen, who formerly conducted a mercantile establishment at Seldovia, has disposed of that holding, but still retains other ventures in addition to considerable realty.

Seward Daily Gateway, August 23, 1924.

C.W. Wagner of Anchorage, has purchased the Anton Johansen pool hall at Seldovia, the property of which was recently advertised in the Gateway. Consideration is said to be about \$10,000. A fine restaurant and bakery, pool hall, motion picture, dance hall, and barber shop are now in the building, which is modern in every respect. Seldovia is rapidly growing and has a bright future.

Seward Daily Gateway, November 16, 1927.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN PROBATE COURT FOR SEWARD PRECINCT, THIRD JUDICIAL DIVISION, TERRITORY OF ALASKA.

in the matter of ANTON JOHANSEN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned is a duly appointed, acting and qualified administratrix of the estate of Anton Johansen, deceased; and, in accordance with an order duly made therefore, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE CREDITORS** of and to all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit such claims, with necessary vouchers, within six months after and from the date of this notice to the said administratrix at her place of residence in Seldovia, Alaska, which the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said ANTON JOHANSEN, deceased.

Dated at Seward, Alaska, November 10, 1927.

Mrs. INGA ANDERSEN

Administratrix of the estate of ANTON JOHANSEN, deceased.



Anton Johansen was also at Afognak, but nothing in the LoC reports on this.

FURTHER REFLECTIONS ON CHARLES SHARP AND THE SELDOVIA CASH STORE

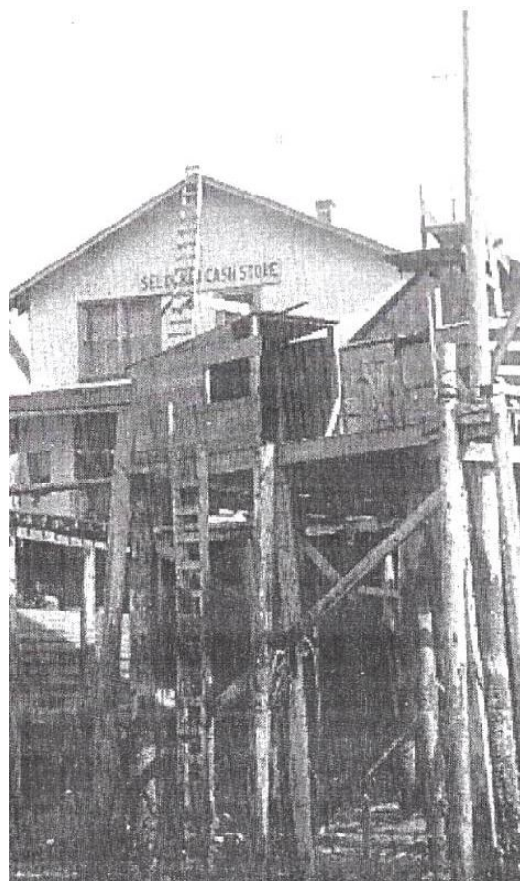
by J.D. Williams



Susan Woodward Springer, in her book *“Seldovia, Alaska, an Historical Portrait of Life in Zaliv Seldevoe - Herring Bay”* adds a little color to the ATC&PN November 2024 Charles Sharp Cash Store article. At pages 192-193 she recounts the memory of Dr. Frederica de Laguna that in the early 1930s “Charley Sharp ran his store on the unusual assumption that it was as much his business to promote the health of his fellow citizens as to make a profit. For this reason, he regularly ordered fresh lettuce from Outside [the original 48 states], and as regularly sold the same for 25 cents a head. From him we naturally purchased all our supplies...We even bought planks and two-by-fours [from Sharp] to make flooring for our tents. Probably our skiff was rented from Charley.” It would take Sharp a day to put together a month’s order and then he would “lower everything by rope and pulley from the back of his store to the beach.”

Prior to the great Alaska earthquake in 1964, most of Seldovia businesses were located along the boardwalk on tall piers as Seldovia experiences significant tides throughout the day. After the earthquake the land at Seldovia sunk bringing the tides over the boardwalk and Seldovia businesses had to relocate to higher ground. Although I have family movies and pictures of Seldovia from about 1938 to 1940 when my parents were teachers there, including of Sharp’s store on the boardwalk, the best picture I located of the Seldovia Cash Store is from a portion of a photograph of the Seldovia boardwalk taken in 1932 by Dr. Frederica de Laguna.

At page 119 of Woodward Springer’s book she tells of a farewell party for Dr. de Laguna when she left Seldovia that almost didn’t take place as the steamship arrived several hours early and the Captain did not want to delay his departure. Sharp had pushed back the counters in his store to make room for a salmon feast to which all of Seldovia was invited and the problem of the steamship skipper wanting to leave before the



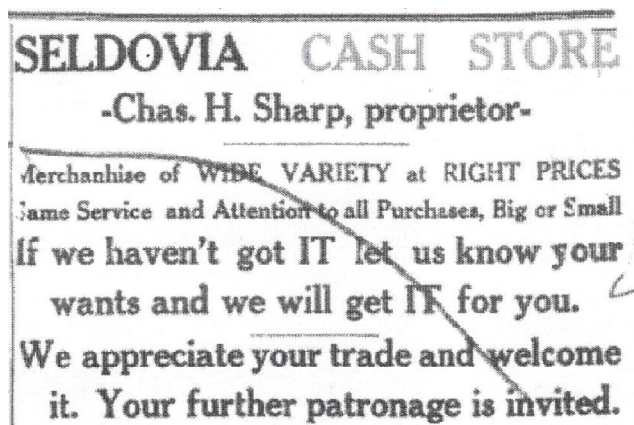
party was solved by Sharp inviting the entire crew of the steamship to join the party.

Woodward Springer further notes that Sharp moved “to Seldovia in 1917” and “spent his summers fishing and ran a coal drayage business in the winter.” As indicated in the November 2024 ATC&PN article, Sharp opened Seldovia Cash Store in 1929 and ran it until he was forced by ill health to sell it in 1946.

A fire at the Seldovia Cash Store in January 1937 made front page headline news in the January 11th issue of the Daily Alaska Empire, as well as being covered by the Nome Daily Nugget and the Wrangell Sentinel. The January 15, 1937 issue of the Sentinel reported that SELDOVIA FIRE DESTROYS COOK INLET LUMBER SUPPLY:

“Fire of undetermined origin Saturday night swept through the second floor of the two story building at Seldovia occupied by the Seldovia Cash store owned by Charles Sharp. Merchandise on the first floor was damaged by smoke and water. Total damage is esti-

SELDOVIA CASH STORE



Seldovia Herald, December 13, 1930.
mated at \$10,000.

"The second floor of the building was used by Sharp as his living quarters and as a warehouse. Sharp's store, serving the lower Cook Inlet is the only firm handling building materials. They were destroyed in the fire, and now there is an urgent need for lumber and other building materials."

In regard to Sharp's activities before he opened the Seldovia Cash Store, the July 5, 1924 Seward Daily Gateway reported that:

"The canneries of the [Seldovia] district are actively at work, and due to the great amount of fish available this year, a large output is expected. There are three large herring canneries at work, Fred O'Neill, Charles Sharp and the Kachemak Bay Company, all yielding a great increase over last year."

The September 29, 1924 issue of the Seward Daily Gateway carried a news item that "Charles Sharp, a homesteader and herring fisherman at Homer, very nearly lost his life recently when his small power boat dragged her anchor in a bad storm. He was unable to get his engine started and drifted onto Homer Spit where he was picked up three days later by a boat sent out to search for him." Herring was a significant resource in the early years of Seldovia. According to Wikipedia, Sedevoy, the town's original Russian name, translates to Herring Bay.

The July 8, 1936 issue of the Daily Alaska Empire noted that "Charles Sharp, Seldovia merchant, is reported to be breaking ground at Homer for a large store to serve the rapidly growing farm colony."

C.B. PETERSON

SELDOVIA B-1a

Seldovia Herald, July 19, 1930.

C.B. Peterson, father of Allan Peterson, former resident of Seldovia, obtained a niche in the Hall of Fame by purchasing the first ticket sold by the Alaska Railroad; but that does not prevent him writing to his son;

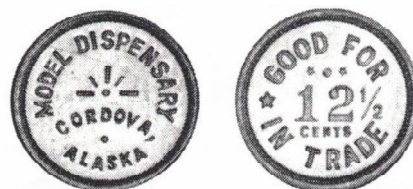
"I sure enjoyed the Seldovia Herald you sent. It is going the rounds among several here who were in Seldovia years ago. Send some more."

It was in 1883 that Mr. Peterson first came to Alaska. He made the trip on a sailing schooner; came straight to Cook Inlet, and fished at Kusiloff for the first cannery to operate on the inlet. Prior to that he had followed the sea for seven years, but settled in Humboldt county, Calif. in 1886 on a dairy ranch. Came north in 1910 and worked for Copper River R. R. until 1914, when he moved to Anchorage and took some of the first contracts for the Alaska Railroad; bought and still holds Ticket No. 1 sold by the road at Anchorage.

Mr. Peterson moved to Seldovia in 1916, built here in 1917; still owns Seldovia property. Returned to California in 1925; lives at Ferndale with his motor boat; enjoys life among his old friends.

He is one sailor who resolved to become a dairy farmer, and raise chickens --- and got away with it.

MODEL DISPENSARY CORDOVA B-26



Daily Alaska Empire, October 29, 1934.

At a session of the District Court held at Cordova nine applicants for final naturalization were made American citizens. They are...William Otto Wahrer.

Daily Alaska Empire, September 28, 1935.

William Otto Wahrer, baker at the Model Cafe, and Mrs. Leona Barbara Parchen, popular young woman of Cordova, were married in that city recently by Commissioner Jones.

HAROLD BILLUPS

HOMER CLUB, B-2

Harold Billups is mentioned in the last issue in connection with the Homer Club. Billups and his wife held the liquor license on the Homer Club from 1955 to 1962.



J.D. Williams has found some interesting, and rather amusing information about him.

“Arthur Hewlett was the manager of the Bank of Homer. When he passed away, Billups was asked to assist with the body.

“Arthur had passed away...in the attic bedroom. There was a very narrow stairway from the basement (where the bank was located) clear on up nonstop to the attic bedroom. If we waited until Arthur stiffened, we would not be able to bend him around to start him down the stairs. We’d have to remove a window and let him down on a rope.

“Arthur, being from an English tea importing family, had previously told his wife, Natalie, that when he died just to dump him in the Bay, which prompted her to request a sea burial. Guess who got stuck on that one??

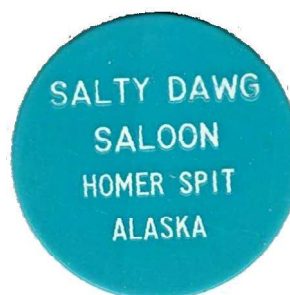
“Rev. Nichols and I took on the task in his church... I got two 30 pound pieces of steel from the Road Commission, bought some new treated canvas, needles, linen, twine and wax for the twine. It took us almost all day to double wrap and sew him up and to sew in the sixty pounds of steel. The next day, I built a wooden chute with a removable board in the lower end, so all they had to do to release him was to lift the board. Ray Avery came to Homer with his mail boat, the Illiamna, and I installed the chute on his boat to be ready for the funeral the next day.

“They went out off Yukon Island and headed into the wind and that was where they let him go. They said he went down instantly, which I figured he would with sixty pound of steel under his feet. I have often wondered how long he must have stood in the upright position down there.”

From *In Those Days, Alaska Pioneers of the Lower Kenai Peninsula*.

SALTY DOG

HOMER



“Chuck Abbott had the Standard Oil bulk plant on the Spit. He acquired a small log building near the tank farm that used to be Tom Shelford’s gear shed. Chuck, along with John Pate, made a bar out of the little building and called it the Salty Dog. He sunk a steel cylinder, 6 ft. in diameter x 8 ft. deep, into the gravel and built a two potty structure back-to-back over the top of the cylinder. Of course, it quit draining right away with all the paper and excrement and created an unsavory mess.

“Ben Walters, manager of the Salty Dog, asked Bruno Angostino, from the coal mine, to see what he could do to get it to drain. Bruno came with some dynamite. He thought if one stick would be good, two would be better, so he touched it off. It didn’t just blow down as Bruno had said it would. It blew stench and effluvium around like you couldn’t believe. Some of it blew on Chuck’s tanks and on the Salty Dog. In fact, it pretty well covered the entire Spit. Louie Falk witnessed the whole event, but he got away from there as fast as possible, as the stench prohibited him from staying. He came in to tell me about it, but he was laughing so hard that he could hardly get the words out so I could understand him.”

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YAH SURE CLUB

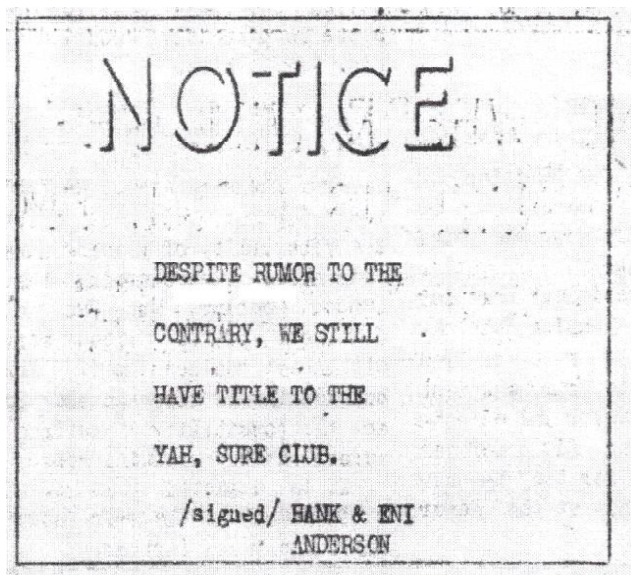
HOMER



Homer News, October 21, 1954.

FILES SUIT

J.C. Reynolds has filed suit in district court against Roy and Shirley Lentz concerning the ownership of the Yah, Sure Club and property.



Homer News, March 10, 1955.

Homer News, April 7, 1955.

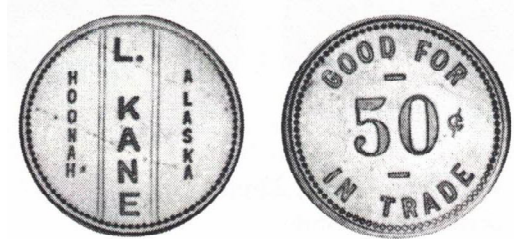
CLUB TO OPEN

The Yah, Sure Club, closed for the last year and a half, will open again Monday night. Two Anchorage men, Don Rose and Jim Neely, have leased the building, re-decorated it and will have a grand opening complete with entertainment from Anchorage.

It is the intention of the two new operators to make the Yah, Sure a clean well run neighborhood type tavern where everyone knows everyone else, they said.

Free shrimp will be served on the opening night to make the evening even more enjoyable.

HOONAH



Daily Alaska Empire, June 1, 1934

HOONAH MERCHANT IS HERE; REPORTS FOOD SHORTAGE IN THAT TOWN

S.J. Kane, prominent Hoonah merchant arrived in Juneau yesterday afternoon on the purse seiner Rio Grande, Capt. John Suryan, one of the fleet belonging to the Icy Straits Salmon Corporation with headquarters at Hoonah.

Mr. Kane reports a serious shortage of eggs, butter, potatoes, onions and other vegetables at Hoonah. He made purchases yesterday to go out on the Rio Grande today. He plans to remain in Juneau awaiting the arrival of the steamer North Wind.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY

A. BIENKOWSKI

NOME B-14



Nome Nugget, October 11, 1901.

Notice.

Following are the numbers and winners of the watch and sewing machine at the drawing which took place at Lyon's restaurant; the tickets were put up by Mr. Beatty, and drawn out by Mr. Farrell, a stranger, who happened in: Gold watch, ticket No. 204, A. Bienkowski; sewing machine, ticket No. 601, T.B Cossley.

Nome Nugget, October 30, 1901.

Nome Circulating Library

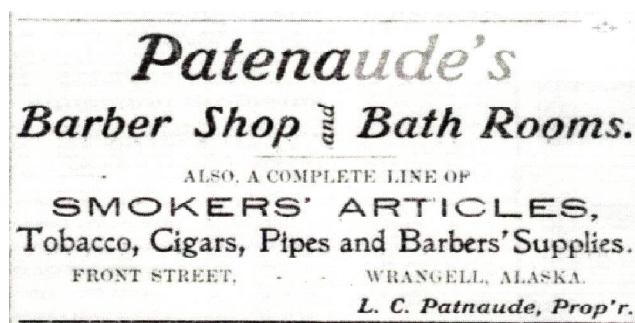
At Bienkowski's old stand, 234 Front street; \$1 per month.

L.C. PATENAUDE

WRANGELL B-8

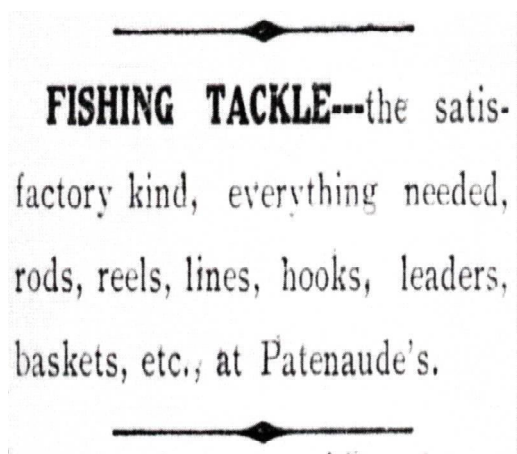


Leopold C. Patenaude was well known in Wrangell, serving as City treasurer, City Counselor and Mayor. Many civic and political meetings were held in his building.



Alaska Sentinel, November 27, 1902.

Patenaude was an avid fisherman, with many mentions in the Sentinel of his fishing exploits.



Wrangell Sentinel, May 12, 1910.

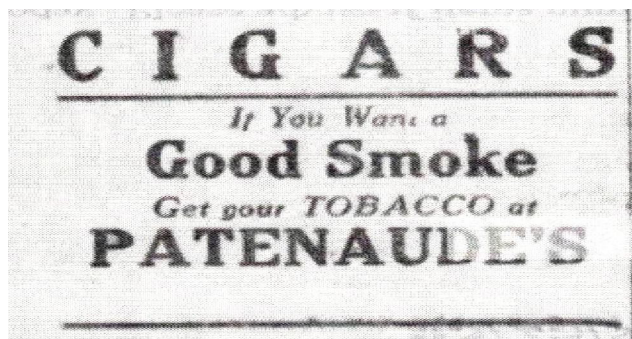
Wrangell Sentinel, August 14, 1913.

L.C. Patenaude, the pioneer barber and cigar dealer of Wrangell, has sold his business to Chas. Follansbee, of Tacoma, who has been employed this summer in the shop.

Wrangell Sentinel, July 29, 1916.

Patenaude Takes Barber Shop

L.C. Patenaude last Monday took over the barber shop and cigar stand which bears his name from Chas. Follansbee. Owing to the fact that Mr. Follansbee believes that the health of Mrs. Follansbee will be improved in dryer climate he sold his place of business and they expect to leave shortly for the states.



Wrangell Sentinel, July 29, 1916.

Wrangell Sentinel, January 9, 1931.

L.C. Patenaude Succumbs to Illness in Seattle Hospital.

PIONEER BUSINESSMAN; ONE OF THE FIRST TO REBUILD AFTER FIRE DESTROYED WRANGELL

Word was received in Wrangell late last week of the death of Leopold C. Patenaude, pioneer businessman of this town, in the Virginia Mason hospital in Seattle, December 27. Details of his illness are lacking, but it is known that he had suffered ill health for a number of years, and had been under the care of a physician for several months prior to his departure for Seattle in October. Mrs. Patenaude was with him at the time of his death.

Mr. Patenaude was born in the Province of Quebec 78 years ago, of French-Canadian parents. He lived for a time near Boston, and came west a few years before the Klondike excitement, settling in a small town near Tacoma, where he operated a barber ship. It was there that he married Mrs. Patenaude, who was employed as a nurse in a Tacoma hospital.

In the spring of 1898, in company of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deppe of Ketchikan, the Patenaudes came to Wrangell and opened a barber shop in a building that stood where Campbell's store now stands. A few year later Mr. Patenaude bought a lot where the present

L.C. PATENAUDE, CONT.

Patenaude building stands from Peter Jensen, and build a new shop. The building was destroyed in the great fire of 1906, and he moved into other quarters until he could rebuild. He was one of the first to start rebuilding after the fire.



Patenaude-Grant Bldg. (with turret) shortly after the big fire of 1906.

Mr. Patenaude was reputed to be moderately wealthy. He owned a number of business locations on Front Street, and a dozen or so cabins, together with some real estate in Tacoma. It is reported all of his property was conveyed to his wife a few years ago when he began to fail in health.

Mr. Patenaude was a member of Rainier Lodge No. 11, I.O.O.F., of Tacoma, and a former member of the Redmen and the Arctic Brotherhood. He is survived by Mrs. Patenaude, a sister in Canada, and a married daughter in Massachusetts. Funeral Services were conducted by the Odd Fellows.

CLAFLIN BROS.

NOME B-15a

Nome Nugget, December 4, 1901.

\$12 per month, steam heated rooms, Claflin Bros & Co.

Nome Nugget, December 11, 1901.

A.E. Claflin addressed the council in regard to fire protection and the necessity of digging a well. He offered the use of his pump and hose, provided the council would furnish the water. The matter was referred to the fire committee.

Nome Nugget, April 16, 1902.

The fire chief reported that the damage to the Claflin building, on account of Sunday's fire, aggregated \$300.

SALMON PACKING

Daily Alaska Empire, July 9, 1928.

One Hundred Thousand Cases Packed to Saturday - Runs Steady

Icy Straits Salmon packers had an aggregate pack of 100,000 cases at the close of operations last Saturday evening, according to reliable reports received here today, and were confident that the season's pack would be fully up to that of 1926, a record year.



The Hawk Inlet plant of P.E. Harris & Company was the only one to report a shortage from 1926 figures.

Friday Hawk Inlet reported approximately 9,000 cases, 2,000 below the 1926 figure for the same time; ...Deep Sea Salmon Company 25,000; Alaska Consolidated at Tenakee had 6,000; ...Astoria &



Puget Sound at Excursion Inlet had 11,300, and Pacific American at the same place had 9,000 cases.

Wrangell Sentinel, May 5, 1933.

FIRST BEER SHIPMENT OF 15 CASES FOUND QUICK SALE



Fifteen cases of beer arrived on the Yukon Monday afternoon for the Wrangell Hotel, the first shipment to be received in Wrangell. It was sold out in a short time and the arrival of future shipments is indefinite.

Mr. Grant's license allows him to sell beer in the pool room, dining room, to occupants of rooms, or in packages to be taken from the premises.

S. IDE CORDOVA B-20.1



The S. Ide 12½¢ token was a new addition to Ron Benice's *Alaska and Yukon Tokens*, 3rd edition, 2010. So, it is a fairly recent discovery.

Because of the name "Ide" it was difficult to search in the LoC, picking up "cya ide," "sui ide," and other words with "ide" at the end.

The first mention of S. Ide was in the Chitina Leader, September 6, 1919.

Passengers from the westward for Cordova were...S. Ide and Mrs. Ide.

In a collection report for the Armenian Relief Fund, Mrs. Ide is listed in a group of people with Japanese surnames. (Cordova Daily Times, Sept. 15, 1919).

We finally learn S. Ide's name, kind of...

Cordova Daily Times, April 26, 1920.

Sodoa Ide, a Jap, pleaded guilty in commissioner's court this afternoon to a violation of the national prohibition law and was fined \$150 and costs.

Cordova Daily Times, April 27, 1920.

*In commissioner's court today **Sodao** Ide and James Jujii were each fined \$25 and costs, having been convicted on the charge of assault.*

Finally...

Cordova Daily Times, April 20, 1920.

NOTICE

The undersigned have purchased the pool room of S. Ide, and all outstanding bills against the business are payable by Ide, also all account due to May 1, 1920, will be collected by him.

*E.C. Tillman
Oscar Wilson*

EXCHANGE SALOON NOME B-21

Nome Nugget, November 25, 1903.

\$25 in Gold Distributed, Saturday Nov. 28, 9 p.m. Exchange Saloon.

Nome Semi-Weekly Nugget, January 7, 1905.

QUIT CLAIM DEED.

From W. E. Dean and B. O'Reilly, Exchange saloon property to N.B. Solner.

Nome Tri-Weekly Nugget, January 2, 1906.

A Menace to the People

*Editor The Nugget; Are the citizens of Nome to be constantly held up with fear of another big fire occurring in our midst in the depth of winter, on account of city officials, allowing notorious fallen women to live over saloons, where they can more readily carry on their nightly drunken orgies. Is it not a well know fact that the Everett sisters were the cause of the last disastrous fire, when they lived over the **Exchange saloon**? And now, although there was an ordinance passed by the city council barring such women from all saloons and rooming houses on account of the fire and danger therefrom yet the chief of police allows the same women to live over at least one saloon, right alongside one of the most expensive business blocks in Nome, which if it caught fire with a favorable wind blowing at the time, would be the greatest calamity Nome ever experienced. Why are these women allowed such latitude when other women are not? Why don't the chief of police do his duty, and keep such people where they won't be so dangerous? Is it because there is a little "tainted money" in sight? No doubt! Perhaps it might be a good idea if the chief of police and city council, won't do their duty to the public, for Judge Moore to close such saloons and rooming houses up altogether by revoking their licenses and see that such women are put behind the big fence where they certainly belong, and where they would not be so dangerous. What suffering there would be in this city, if a large and disastrous fire was to take place in winter. The suffering and misery that it would cause are beyond our comprehension; also coupling it with the fact, that at the present time, there is very little lumber in Nome to build again. Now let's see the council enforce their ordinances and instruction and relegate such women beyond the fence, and then I hope that we will be past all danger from fire.*

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